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BY TELEGRAPH. LAW INTERFERES.

The McCoy-Creedon Prize Fight at Long Island City Gets a Set Back.

New York, Dec. 17.—The great prize fight between Kid McCoy and Dan Creedon has been interfered with today and is not likely to be pulled off tonight, much to the disappointment of crowds of sports in this city, but to the satisfaction of many people who have opposed it.

Police Justice Charles Duffy of Long Island City issued warrants this afternoon for the arrest of McCoy and Creedon on complaint of Peter A. Lehmann and J. Rufus Terry, of the Long Island City Purification society.

They showed the court an affidavit made by Joel E. Harris, in which he stated that he had a conversation with Creedon and that the latter informed him he was going to engage in a prize fight with McCoy and would knock him out if he could.

Lawyer Francis Van Vechten represented the Long Island City Athletic club said the man would be in court at 2 o'clock this afternoon and that they would furnish bonds not to violate the law. District Attorney Youngs received a letter this forenoon from Governor Black regarding the contest, but the district attorney would not make the contents public.

That N. Y. C. R. R. Disaster-

Albany, N. Y., Dec. 17.—The board of railroad commissioners today handed down a report of 6,000 words of the investigation into the cause of the accident on the New York Central road at Garrison on October 24 last in which 19 were killed.

The commissioners arrive at the conclusion that the train was wrecked either by derailment, which destroyed the embankment, or that the embankment gave way and threw the train into the river. The board recommends that the force of track walkers on the Hudson river division of the New York Central be increased so as to provide a sufficient system of watching and warning along the line at all times.

A KNIFE IN HIS HEART.

Tragedy in Real Life in Which an Actor Figured.

William Terriss Slain by a Man He Had Assisted.

Was at Theater Door When the Mortal Blow Was Dealt.

London, Dec. 17.—William Terriss, who figured in many scenes in mimic life as depicted on the stage of the Adelphi theatre, appeared as one of the principals in a tragedy that was enacted at the very doors of that building last night. Mr. Terriss had alighted from a cab at the stage door in Maiden Lane, only used by himself, and the principal members of the company, Gilbert Tate, the theatrical manager, met him at the door. The two stood in conversation, and Mr. Terriss was taking the key from his pocket when an assassin darted from the shade of a neighboring shop and plunged a knife into his breast, almost bearing him to the ground with the savage force of the blow. Mr. Terriss dropped his glove and tried to seize his assailant, who then dealt two more stabs before the bystanders had time to interfere.

Mr. Terriss was placed on the landing of the stairway just inside the theater, where he lay groaning. Once or twice he feebly attempted to speak, but it was impossible. He quickly succumbed while surrounded by the theater staff, including Miss Millward.

The murderer was taken to Bow street police station, followed by the angry crowd. His name was given as Archer. It is said that he had been a super at the Adelphi theater several years ago, and for some days past he had haunted the theater. The motive for the crime is not yet known.

A large audience had assembled for the evening performance, and the manager came to the footlights and announced that as Mr. Terriss had met with an accident, no performance would be given.

It appears that the assassin asked the keeper of the stage entrance as to the whereabouts of Mr. Terriss, and his behavior was then so obnoxious that Harry Nicholls, one of the principal colleagues of Mr. Terriss, was obliged to remonstrate and to order him to leave the premises.

The scenes along the Strand at the hour when the theaters closed were remarkable. By that time the special editions of the evening papers were out and the newsboys were shouting around the exits that Mr. Terriss had been murdered. At first the people refused to place any credence in the report, believing such an event impossible, but when they found it was true horror and indignation were painted on every face.

When the murderer arrived at the police station he still had the weapon, a butcher's knife, beneath his cape. On being charged with murder he is reported to have replied: "He's done me out of the benevolent fund this morning, and I am out of it for life." The understudy of the deceased actor tells a curious story of how he dreamed that he saw Mr. Terriss lying on a landing surrounded by a crowd.

Another member of the company says the assassin was known at the theater as "Mad Archer," and that when ordered off the premises Wednesday night he muttered, "Not yet." Others say that Archer nursed a grievance against Mr. Terriss even before he left his employment at the theater. More than once he stood in the wings and indulged in sarcastic comments on Mr. Terriss' acting, such as "Fools often succeed in life where men of genius fail." The assassin made no attempt to escape. When seized he offered to go quietly to the police station.

Dr. Hayward, a physician of Charing Cross hospital, said: "I found Mr. Terriss just inside the door, where he was lying with Miss Millward supporting him. His wrist and undershirt were open, and there was a large piece of ice on the wound directly over the heart. He was breathing heavily. After I examined the wound I saw there was no hope and that death must ensue almost immediately from the extensive internal hemorrhage. He was not quite conscious and writhed once or twice.

Miss Millward kissed him and said: "Don't you know me?" No reply came except the ejaculation "Oh my God," with a convulsive movement of the lower limbs. Then he lay still until he gasped once and died."

The murderer's name is Richard Arthur Prince; but he was known at the theatre as Archer. His wife has been employed there as a dresser. Since he left the Adelphi, Archer had several times begged aid from the different theatrical funds, and had often been assisted financially by Terriss and other members of the Adelphi company. Of late he had become so importunate that Mr. Terriss had referred him to the Actors' benevolent fund.

An Inclination to Treat Southern Competition as a Bogey.

Fall River, Mass., Dec. 17.—The conference committee of the textile workers consisting of three delegates each from the spinners, weavers, carders, loomfixers, slashers, mill firemen, ring spinners and spool and warper tenders' unions was in session for three hours yesterday afternoon, engaged in the discussion of the proposed reduction in wages. The meeting was behind closed doors, and at its conclusion the only announcement to the waiting newspaper men was that the committee had voted to ask the manufacturers for a conference next Monday.

The textile workers will be represented at the conference by 14 delegates, selected from those in session yesterday afternoon. Some of the delegates were asked after the meeting what the sentiment of the committee was, and they replied that it was entirely in favor of a strike. At the conference with the manufacturers they will ask for concessions, but they decline to state what these will be.

From talk heard among them, however, it is evident that they will ask for a shutdown instead of the reduction. One of the delegates said that they do not believe that the reduction would benefit the situation on this side, while a shutdown would certainly better the condition of things, although it would make the operatives poorer.

After the conference with the manufacturers the delegates will report back to the general committee, and the latter will instruct the various unions accordingly. As there is little likelihood that the manufacturers will change their plans, this recommendation will in all probability be to strike, unless the manufacturers succeed in showing the operatives that the shutdown is not the proper method to relieve the situation.

The Lowell Spinners' union has voted to turn its entire treasury to the Fall River union if the fight is made, and the funds of the national association were, by a vote in April, 1897, placed at the disposal of any branch threatened with a reduction of wages, and would also be available for the Fall River spinners.

The union secretaries are not disposed to say much yet about the Arkwright club's manifesto on southern competition, except to characterize it as a "one-sided statement." Secretary O'Donnell of the spinners claimed that the advantages and disadvantages of the two sections about balanced, the north getting a larger production from the same machinery, especially in summer. He had facts to prove, he said, that weavers in the Carolinas did not produce more per loom in 58 hours than Fall River weavers get off 24 at 22 cents per week from four looms, making \$5.40 per week. Fall River operatives do not quite average \$8 per week from eight looms. He thought the Arkwright club's statement for ring spinning was about right, 50 cents for six sides; but here operatives do not get more than \$1 for 10 or 12 sides. He supposed if climatic conditions were the same operatives could live here—by paying \$2 a week board and living in shanties free—on less wages. Secretary Tansey of the looms said the Arkwright club was wrong in stating that speeders north average \$7.50 to \$9.50 per week. He knew many in this city who averaged less than \$6.

Pledge of Support.

Fall River, Mass., Dec. 17.—Secretary O'Donnell of the Spinners' union received a message last night as follows: "Convention pledges its support in case of trouble. (Signed) Samuel Ross."

It comes from the American Federation of Labor convention now sitting at Nashville.

BY TELEGRAPH. AT WASHINGTON.

A Grist of Appointments. Secretary Gage's Monetary Plan Absorbs Attention.

Washington, Dec. 17.—The president today sent the following nominations to the senate: William M. Thomas, Jr., of Maine, envoy extraordinary and minister plenipotentiary to Sweden and Norway; Hamilton King of Michigan, minister resident and consul-general of United States to Siam; Edgar C. Achorn of Massachusetts, secretary of legation of United States at St. Petersburg, Russia; Nathan B. Scott of West Virginia to be commissioner of internal revenue; Alfred W. Brown of Massachusetts to be assistant appraiser of merchandise in the district of Boston and Charlestown, Mass.; to be consuls of the United States: W. Stanley Hollis of Massachusetts at Lourenco, Marquex, Africa; Marshall Halsey of New York at Birmingham, England; Harlan W. Brush of New York at Clifton, Ont.

Washington, Dec. 17.—The committee on banking and currency gave a hearing Thursday to Secretary Gage on the bill which he had prepared for a revision of the currency. In his opening remarks he laid down this premise:



WILLIAM M. THOMAS, JR.

"If we prosper as a people the revenue of the government ought to be somewhat in advance of its expenditures and the public debt of the United States be gradually reduced and finally extinguished. Looking at the question wide, from my best point of knowledge and experience, I feel that if these could be secured the condition of the government in its relation to the currency would be much safer and stronger than now, and that through the operation of national bank notes currency the commercial and industrial interests of the United States would be greatly advantaged."

Turning from his notes, Mr. Gage proceeded extemporaneously as follows: "As to the first question—to commit the country more thoroughly to the gold standard, remove, as far as possible, doubts and fears on that point, and thus strengthen the United States both at home and abroad—I would say that the proposition to refund the bonded debt of the United States, now payable in gold, into bonds bearing the commercial and industrial interests of the United States would be greatly advantaged."

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"The other measures which are before you, which I am now ready to be questioned about, have been drawn to compass not only the objects named, but the various purposes already detailed by me. If they are worthy objects, they ought to be recognized and secured. If they are unworthy objects, they ought to be rejected; or if the manner of securing them is not a wise one, as I have outlined it, this manner ought to be rejected or reformed or improved."

It was deemed advisable at this stage to read and discuss the bill section by section, the path of the principal of which is subjoined:

These shall be transferred from the general fund in the treasury of the United States and taken up on the books of said division as a redemption fund the sum of \$125,000,000 in United States gold coin and bullion, and such further sums of standard silver dollars and silver bullion purchased under the act of Congress approved July 1, 1890, as shall equal the silver certificates outside the treasury and treasury notes of 1890 outstanding on the date when this act shall take effect; and thereafter the gold and silver coins and bullion hereby transferred from the general fund in the treasury as herein provided shall be increased or diminished, as the case may be, in accordance with the provisions of this act, and in no other way.

Sec. 2. That all United States notes, treasury notes of 1890, and silver certificates presented for redemption shall be redeemed from the redemption fund herein provided, in accordance with the terms of existing laws, but the notes and certificates so redeemed shall be held in and constitute a part of said fund, and shall not be withdrawn from said fund nor disbursed, except in exchange for an equivalent amount of the coin in which said notes or certificates were redeemed.

Sec. 3. That the secretary of the treasury be, and he is hereby authorized, to receive at the treasury any of the outstanding bonds known as the 5 per centum bonds of 1907, issued respectively under the act approved Jan. 14, 1875, and the acts approved July 14, 1870, and Jan. 20, 1871, and to issue in exchange therefor coupon bonds registered in the name of the United States.

States, in such form as he may prescribe, in denominations of \$50, or some multiple of that sum, bearing interest at the rate of 2 1/2 per centum per annum, payable semi-annually and redeemable at the pleasure of the United States after 10 years from the date of their issue; and the bonds hereby authorized shall be payable principal and interest in United States gold coin of the present standard weight, and shall be exempt from all taxation by, or under, state, municipal, or local authority.

Sec. 4. That each national banking association shall deposit and maintain in the treasury of the United States a sum of lawful money equal to 10 per cent of its aggregate circulation, said sum to be in lieu of the 5 per cent redemption fund now required by section 3 of the act approved June 20, 1874, to be maintained, and to be subject to all the provisions of existing law respecting said redemption fund not inconsistent with the provisions of the act.

Sec. 12. Section 5133 of the revised statutes shall be amended to read as follows:

No association shall be organized with a less capital than \$100,000, except that banks with a capital of not less than \$50,000 may, with the approval of the secretary of the treasury, be organized in any place, the population of which does not exceed 5000 inhabitants, and except that banks with a capital of not less than \$25,000 may, with the approval of the secretary of the treasury, be organized in any place, the population of which does not exceed 2000 inhabitants. No association shall be organized in a city, the population of which exceeds 50,000, with a less capital than \$200,000.

A wide range of discussion occurred on section two of the bill. In answer to inquiries Mr. Gage said its general purpose was the same as that set forth by the president. He also said in answer to a query from Mr. Cox of Tennessee, that there was no probability that the parity between gold and silver would be disturbed by the provisions for exchanging treasury notes and silver certificates, accumulated in the redemption fund, for coin, meaning gold.

In the bond section Mr. Gage changed the bill so as to make the interest payable quarterly. He said the only purpose of the section was to refund outstanding bonds for low interest bonds payable in gold. This would not reduce the gross amount of the debt, but it would make a saving on interest which the secretary roughly calculated at \$10,000,000 annually. At present this government paid high rates on some of its bond issues. He thought it possible that these could be taken up in time at a rate of interest even below two per cent, but this proposed two and one-half per cent rate was at least a step toward the reduction of the interest charge. Mr. Gage said he had excluded from his refunding plan bonds issued in 1893, although in his recommendation to Congress those bonds were erroneously included. He said he preferred to let those bonds alone, as a question had been raised at the time of their issue as to their payment in gold, and he did not wish to enter upon that question.

Mr. Gage explained in detail the plan of issuing national bank notes for United States notes, treasury notes and silver certificates, and the covering of the latter demand notes for refunding bonds. He said the purpose of this was to accumulate \$200,000,000 of the demand obligations, placing them on the basis, not that they would relieve to that extent the demands on the treasury. It was essential that these demand obligations should be materially reduced. At the same time he did not consider it safe to contract the currency by \$200,000,000 at one stroke, and for that reason he had provided for an issue of national bank notes to fill the vacuum.

Mr. Brewster asked how parity of the metals could be maintained if demand obligations were withdrawn from circulation and accumulated in the treasury. Mr. Gage said there would be ample demand notes outstanding beyond the \$200,000,000. Mr. Brewster insisted that it would impose on the banks, not on the government, the obligation to maintain parity. The secretary dissented from this, saying the demand obligations left outstanding would be sufficient to maintain parity. Mr. Brewster asserted that the banks would be called upon to maintain the parity, and that if they were unable to do it, the country would at once be forced to the silver basis. Mr. Gage remarked that he did not see the situation in that light. He apprehended no such emergency.

Mr. Gage intimated, in response to inquiries from Mr. Prince, that there were \$200,000,000 of demand obligations outstanding. Mr. Prince asked if the secretary held that this entire amount was payable in gold on demand of the holders of those obligations. The question was theoretical. Mr. Gage answered, "Technically the entire \$200,000,000 was subject to demand at any time and must be met with gold if this was required; but it was a practical impossibility, he urged, that all these obligations should be presented at any one time or even a small percentage of them."

Mr. Prince pointed out that \$750,000,000 of the demand obligations would continue outstanding after the withdrawal of \$200,000,000 under the Gage bill. Besides this amount outstanding there would be a new issue of national bank notes under the secretary's bill, raising the total demand obligations of the government to \$1,250,000,000, all payable in gold.

WEATHER FORECAST.

Threatening. Fair tonight followed Saturday by threatening weather and rain or snow variable winds.

Glimbing Nearer to Christmas Chimes.....

Holiday preparations are afoot. Cutting Corner is aglow with Christmas giveables.

A limitless assortment of good and sensible gifts for men, young men and boys.

Reefer Coats make generous gifts for boys aged 3 to 15, and may be had of many kinds of cloth, from \$2 to \$6.

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Bath Robes, Turkish and Lambswool.

Dress Suit Cases, Alligator, Russet and Cream colors.

Silk Handkerchiefs of Japanese or Pongee.

Linen Handkerchiefs of the finest Irish linen.

Neck scarfs, flowing ends, four-in-hands, tecks and puffs.

Suspenders, web and silk.

Gloves for walking or driving.

Full Dress Shields, silk and quilted satin.

Cuff Buttons, gold, silver and enamelled.

Scarf Pins, many novel designs.

Besides collars and cuffs, shirts, night robes, pajamas, and everything pertaining to gentlemen's wear. And coming from here, they are sure to be the highest grade and correct in style.

AT WILLIAMSTOWN.

Masonic Officers Installed—Brakeman Hurt Again—Store and Market Closed by Creditors—An Old Timepiece—Had to Rough it Home.

An Old Timepiece.

Alexander Walker has a watch which he has carried for 52 years and it is still doing good service. It is an English chain lever in a small, open-face silver case, and was purchased by Mr. Walker in Scotland in October, 1845. This was 25 years before he came to the United States. He has carried the watch continually from the time he bought it and it has always been and is still a reliable timepiece. When the watch was new the case was handsomely engraved, but it is now as smooth as a mirror, every particle of the engraving having long since worn off. There are probably very few watches in the country that have been carried such a length of time. On the inside of the case Mr. Walker has posted a paper on which is written: "I have carried this watch since 1845." Mr. Walker himself is as well preserved as the watch. He is in his 80th year, but in looks and actions he would easily pass for a man 15 years younger. There are few men of his age who would be equal to the task of mountain surveying, but Mr. Walker is good for it and his flagman and chainmen will not suffer from the lack of exercise.

Had to Rough it Home.

Quite a number of people from this town who went to North Adams Tuesday night to attend the opera "Wang" at Columbia opera house did not get out in time for the last car, consequently they had to walk to the depot and come home on the midnight train, and then walk from the depot here to their homes. As the night was the worst of the winter to date this was not an agreeable task. There will be some thanksgiving in this town when the new car barn in North Adams is done, as then a special car can be called out on short notice and such an experience as this will not have to be repeated.

The Officers Installed.

The following officers of Williams lodge, F. and A. M., were installed Wednesday evening by Past Master W. L. Crozier: W. M., A. L. Simonds, S. W., Loren Davis, J. W., I. S. Fowler, treasurer, W. J. Dunton, secretary, A. E. Evans, S. D., Elmer Walden, J. D., A. Hoffman, S. S., Edward Yarter, J. S. Williams, chaplain, Moses King. After the installation a fine spread was enjoyed and there were short talks by various members. There were brethren present from New York, Pennsylvania and Ohio.

Brakeman Hurt Again.

William Dufrane of this town, a brakeman on the Fitchburg railroad, has been very unfortunate since he left the yard

and went on the road a few weeks ago. He had worked only about a week or 10 days when he was hit in the face by a frozen rail and painfully, though not seriously injured, and Wednesday night he met with a much worse accident at West Fitchburg. While coupling cars his hand was caught and badly crushed, and it is feared he may lose one or two fingers.

Closed by Creditors.

The grocery store and meat market of Victor Noel on Cole avenue has been closed by creditors. Attachments were served by Sheriff Frink of North Adams in favor of Edmund Noel, of whom the store was recently purchased, and also Mackie & Palmer of Albany and Armour of Chicago. Mr. Noel left town Monday and the liabilities and assets are not known. Mr. Noel some time ago started the Berkshire cash grocery on North street, where he did business until a few weeks since, when he bought out Edmund Noel and moved his goods from North street to the Cole avenue store.

The public schools closed today for the holiday vacation of two weeks. Misses Alexina and Maria LaFlure, who had been visiting for four weeks at the home of their uncle, A. S. LaFleur, left Thursday for their home in Monticello. The ex-terminus talk of giving a ball some time after the holidays to raise funds for the association.

F. J. Barber of North Adams is doing some grading in the rear of his block on Spring street.

A daughter was born November 31 at North Pownal, Vt., to Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Bryant of this city.

Joseph Shaw, who has charge of the Geostel block, is repairing two of the tenements and putting them in first-class order.

The annual election of Green River grange was postponed from Wednesday evening to Wednesday evening of next week.

S. A. Hickox, who addressed a farmers' institute at New Lenox Tuesday, went from there to the eastern part of the state to attend a meeting of the state grange.

Judge S. G. Tenney will address the Young People's society of St. John's church at the parish room this evening.

Miss Bell Smith taught in the Center school this week in the place of her sister, Miss Elizabeth, who was not able to teach.

Examinations were held in the high school Thursday and today.

The semi-annual examinations in Williams college began Thursday. The term will close next Tuesday.

Alexander Walker has been engaged to survey a tract of wood land on the Greylock range for the North Adams Brick company and the work was begun today. It will take several days to complete the survey.

If you want nice fresh candy for Christmas call on J. T. Wells, next to Millinery store, corner Main and Water streets.

Special sale of millinery at Wells' millinery store, corner Main and Water streets. Notion's ice cream at J. T. Wells.

BLACKINTON.

Mrs. S. W. Hannam entertained the United Literary circle of North Adams Friday evening.

The work of converting the large barn of Frank B. Richards into a double tenement house is completed and it is soon to be occupied by the families of Lenard Strall and Mrs. D. J. Donovan of North Adams.

The Blackinton company are extending the Grinnel fire sprinkler system to the dye house and all entryways and closets.

The ladies of the Kings Daughters will give an art exhibition and entertainment in the school hall on Monday evening, December 20. The exhibition and sale of pictures will be from 7 to 8 o'clock after which there will be an entertainment consisting of music by the Barbed Wire quartet and a spelling match for which a prize picture will be offered, also an old fashioned country school in appropriate costumes. The public is invited to take part in the spelling contest. Admission 10 cents.

The Blackinton and Greylock schools will close today for the regular Christmas vacation of two weeks. Christmas exercises will be held in school hall this evening, December 17, when the following program will be rendered.

Program.

Chorus—"Tis the Merry Christmas,
Recitation—Nanny's Search,
Elizabeth Beadles,
Recitation—Angelic Song,
Maud Kenyon.

Song—Santa Claus,
Recitation—Mother Goose's Letter,
Jessie Davis.

Song—Nodding Song,
Tableau—Rock of Ages,
Recitation—Little Bennie,
Bertha Hannum.

Song—We Love Merry Christmas,
Recitation—My Dolls,
Kate Gay.

Recitation—Christmas Eve,
Marjorie Brown,
Recitation—A Real Santa Claus,
Herbert Jones.

Song—Far Away,
John Kenney.

Recitation—Baked Snow Apples,
Gladys Hughes.

Recitation—A Merry Christmas,
Light Girls.

Recitation—A Christmas Carol,
Anna Pelkey.

Tableau—The Shepherds,
Recitation—Daisies,
Ethel Phelps.

Recitation—A Note to Santa Claus,
Earl Williams.

Recitation—Santa Claus,
Little People.

Song—Jesus Rids Us Shame,
Recitation—Christmas Thought,
Grace Kinsey.

Recitation—What Was It?
Edward Williams.

Recitation—Jesus Born Christmas,
Allen Hussey.

Recitation—Deacon Kinsman's Christmas
Arthur Mahoney.

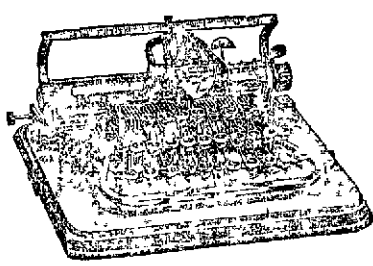
Chorus—Good Night.
The "Mock Trial" held in school hall Thursday evening by the Y. M. C. E. society was a very amusing affair. Herbert

Davis was charged with stealing chickens and selling them to Farmer Roy Williams of Pownal. Judge O. A. Archer was on the bench assisted by Associate Justice W. A. Hopkins. Judge Archer was called upon to decide some very knotty points of law raised by the counsel for both sides, and acquitted himself in a manner that would be instructive to some of our judges with white wig and black gown. "Lant" Hopkins and Edward J. Hughes were counsel for the defense with Thomas Hughes and Edward Davis as prosecuting attorneys. The feature of the evening was Associate Judge Hopkins' charge to the jury. The lawyers on both sides handled the case in a very able manner, Lawyer Hopkins, who conducted the cross examination for the defense, showing his knowledge of court proceeding by numerous objections to the questions asked by his opponents. After a fair and impartial trial the prisoner at the bar was acquitted by the very able jury that was composed of twelve of Blackinton's best judges or "fools" and "fool tips." The trial, considering the limited preparations, was successful and it is thought will be retried in the near future.

The Blackinton hall is being supplied with new chairs and other furniture purchased of George M. Hopkins, Williams-town.

John Jones of Braytonville, who is employed in the mill, received a severe scalp wound Thursday that required the services of Dr. Gaylin who took two stitches in the cut.

The help employed in the sewing room of the Blackinton mills waited on their forewoman, Miss Henrietta Sausbury, Thursday evening at her home. When Miss Maggie Fiebert in a neat little speech presented Miss Sausbury with an elegant wash chair and toilet set as a token of the esteem in which she is held by those employed under her. After the presentation in the evening was spent in social enjoyment and was a very pleasant affair. Refreshments were served.



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Mrs. G. W. Roberts, 33 Black Rock avenue, Bridgeport, Ct., says
"For years I have been troubled with catarrh. Lately I have grown worse so fast that the disease was getting serious. A short time ago I started taking Frost's Catarrh Cure and Balsam Spray. To my delight I commenced growing better immediately. Although I am not entirely cured I am so much improved that I gladly testify to the merits of Dr. Frost's Remedies. The disease troubles me but little now. I have been unable to find any relief in the numerous so-called cures that I have previously tried."

Dr. Frost Cures Catarrh.

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We have a fine supply of sorted hard wood, both sawed and split. Call or telephone T. W. Richmond's coal and wood.

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NOTICE is hereby given that the subscriber has been duly appointed administrator of the estate of David Lloyd, late of Berkshire county, deceased, and has taken upon himself that trust by filing bond in the probate court. All persons having demands upon the estate of said deceased are required to exhibit the same and all persons indebted to said estate are called upon to make payment to the subscriber.

**Good Homes and
Splendid Investments**

Among the bargains to be had for sale I would particularly mention the following: A new house and 1-2 acre of land on Birch view avenue.

A new house on Ashland street, one a two tenement house on Ashland and Davenport sts. no grading or filling.

Several other desirable investments in other parts of the city.

E. J. CARY,

36 Ashland street.
Real Estate Bought and Sold.

The Puritan

was started last January. The December number (now ready) completes its first year, and the first year is a critical year with publications. From the very start THE PURITAN has avoided the commonplace, the ordinary, the namby pamby.

But with all this it has been but a new publication, and no new publication strikes its pace in a single year—gets its setting, its lines, well defined, and its work up to the highest standard. THE PURITAN hasn't done this, but it has been working towards it. The editor of a new publication has to grope around in the darkness, to a certain extent. Some of his pet ideas will not work out as he had thought. The "machinery" is stiff, and doesn't run smoothly. It is surprising how much polishing and pruning and toning has to be done.

Get a copy of the December PURITAN, and see how much polishing and pruning and toning has been done in a single year.

Now Ready on all news stands, 10 cts. Yearly subscription, \$1.00
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Horse Blankets.

You will find here what a profit you can make by selling horse blankets in the city. A fine line of horse blankets, in all colors and patterns, at low prices. Call on E. Vadna's, 42 and 44 Center Street, North Adams, Mass.

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Never mind when "pay day" is due, come to us while our stock is complete and unbroken, select what you want, pay us a small deposit and we will lay it aside for you. In this way you will avoid disappointment and save a great deal unnecessary work. We can show the largest stock of

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CANDY 30 CENTS
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93 Main Street.

AT ADAMS.

District Court.

The case of a man charged with stealing chickens brought against William Little and William Montville came up in court Thursday morning, but the charge was changed to breaking and entering. Lawyer Cassidy appeared for the defense and Lawyer Shaw for the commonwealth. The facts of the case appeared that Sunday night about 25 chickens were stolen from Walter Hines' hen coop near Bellevue cemetery. Mr. Hines reported his loss to the police Monday morning. Chief Curran with Captain Hodecker went to the place and found the prints of men's shoes in the mud leading from the coop to the road. Here they discovered that a carriage had stood, and with these clues they started to find the thieves. A call at the various livery stables showed that a team had been driven out late from Dorcas's livery stable on Summer street. A search of the wagon that had been let, revealed feathers in the bottom. The team had been hired by William Montville. On Saturday evening a team had been hired by William Little and he was accompanied by Montville at the time. Accordingly the officers arrested the two men on suspicion. When they were lodged in the police station their shoes were taken off and the officers drove with the same horse that Montville had hired to Mr. Hines' farm. They had with them both men's shoes and on placing them in the prints in the mud, found they fitted exactly. The horse's hoofs also fitted in the prints made by the horse which they supposed had stood on the roadside Sunday evening. Thus it was that the police felt sure they had the right men and to say the least the officers' work on the case was very commendable. Montville was held for the grand jury under \$500 bonds and Little's case was continued until December 24 under \$300 bonds. In the latter case his counsel proved a good alibi and it is thought he will be discharged. Montville secured bail and Little was let go on his own recognizance.

The case bill in equity brought against Eli Reeves by the Mary Leonard estate was heard before Judge Phelps of North Adams at the local court room this morning. Ernest Weeks was also in court charged with disturbing the peace. Persons in the vicinity of Jordan street claimed that on several occasions he has visited the home of his wife who lives on that street and with whom he does not live and made a general nuisance of himself. It is said that late Wednesday night he kicked in the door of his wife's home and assaulted his wife and stepdaughter. He was arrested Thursday.

A Fine Address.

State Agent G. T. Fletcher of the state board of education visited the upper grades of the grammar schools in this town Thursday. He was highly pleased with their showing and paid Superintendent Gray a worthy compliment for the work which he is doing here. In the evening he delivered an address to the various teachers at the high school on "The Attitude of the teacher toward Modern Educational Tendencies." He said a teacher should be progressive and accept the methods of others only when he had thoroughly conformed them to his own ideas. He should be open to conviction at all times. There is a demand upon teachers of today that they attain a high scholarship and that they study constantly themselves, consequently the teacher himself must be a persistent student. The talk was filled with practicalities and was well received by the teachers.

To Bring Suit.

It will be remembered that about a year ago a Polisher named Kaminski, while working in the card room of Berkshire No. 2 met with an accident by which he sustained severe injuries and lost part of his right arm. Since that time he has been under the care of the town at the town farm. He has brought suit against the company in which the mill owners insure their help and the case has been pending for some time. The plaintiff's counsel is Lawyer Cassidy and the hearing will soon be held at Pittsfield. Lawyer Brooks of Holyoke is the insurance company's counsel. The outcome of the case will be looked forward to with much interest by many people, especially the mill employes.

Good Training Quarters.

In this week's issue of the Police News are excellent halftone pictures of Jack Doyle, the local sprinter, and the Howland house at Zylonic. In writing of the hotel Doyle says he thinks it is one of the best places to train in the country. The hotel is situated up here among the Berkshire hills close by the side of a well made road. It has an excellent hand ball court and quiet grounds and with everything considers it is an undeniable fact that the place affords excellent training advantages. The picture of Doyle is a good one and shows the big fellow in his running suit ready for practice. He is represented as standing on the 1 mile track at Forest park.

Was Born Here.

Joseph A. Fredette, who will be ordained to the holy priesthood at the Cathedral in Baltimore, Md., Saturday morning, by his eminence, Cardinal Gibbons, was born in this town and is now 24 years old. He attended the local schools and obtained his classical course at Lewis college in Canada. His theological course was at St. Mary's seminary in Baltimore, Md. The young priest will celebrate his first mass at Notre Dame church in this town, Christmas morning, at 11 o'clock, where he was for several years an altar-boy. It will be a solemn high mass with

Rev. Fr. Triganna, deacon, Rev. Fr. Gobell, sub-deacon. The young priest's many friends are invited to attend the service.

To Move the Bank.

It is probable that the South Adams Savings bank will soon be moved from its present location in the First National bank rooms to the store now occupied by J. W. Stiffler & Co. The bank's business has increased a great deal of late and so the change is thought of. A meeting of the officers was held Tuesday morning and President James C. Chalmers and N. H. Bixby were appointed to investigate the matter.

Sale and Entertainment.

The annual Christmas sale by the Ladies' Aid and Epworth League societies of Trinity Methodist church will be held this evening. The ladies have an excellent line of fancy articles for patrons to select from. An entertainment will also be given consisting of banjo, guitar and mandolin selections by Mrs. Poorman and Mrs. Paxton of Pittsfield and local talent will also be had. The public is invited.

To Take the Examination.

George Crosier of Company M, who was recently elected to the rank of first lieutenant, will go to Boston next Wednesday to take an examination before the state examining board. The board consists of two brigadier generals and all the colonels of the various companies. It is hoped that Mr. Crosier may be successful.

Expected Home for Christmas.

It will be remembered that a few weeks ago George E. Simmons while at work in a paper mill at Holyoke, fell and sustained a fracture of his left leg. Since that time he has been confined to the hospital in that city. His injuries are getting well rapidly now and he is expected home this town Christmas.

Banks of Raceway Washed Out.

During the high water in the Hoosac river Wednesday, the raceway leading from the river to Adams Bros. mill at Maple Grove was filled to overflowing and in several places portions of the bank were washed out. No serious damage was done though some repairs will be necessary.

For This Evening.

Regular meeting of the N. E. O. P. in Odd Fellows hall. Sale and entertainment at Trinity Methodist church parlors. Social and dance at the Renfrew Caledonian club's hall.

The Adams Whist club will meet with Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Legate.

Caledonian Club Social.

The ladies' auxiliary of the Renfrew Caledonian club have made extensive arrangements for the social to be held this evening. A concert consisting of vocal and instrumental selections will be enjoyed. Duggan's orchestra will furnish music and F. D. Field will prompt.

Party Postponed.

The Cecelia club has decided to indefinitely postpone the sheet and pillow case party which had been planned for at the Knights of Columbus hall, New Year's night. Sometime later the club will hold an invitation dancing party.

The Next Attraction.

Manager Hicks of the opera house is making arrangements for a play to be given here January 23. The attraction will probably be "The Widow Brown." It is a first class comedy presented by a good company.

William Hammond is recovering from a severe cold. Tickets are now on sale for the Shakespearean lecture to be given at the opera house Tuesday evening under the auspices of the senior class of the high school.

Dr. J. E. Donovan of St. Albans, Vt., has arrived in town and taken possession of the office which he purchased of Dr. Andler. He has had five years of practical experience and comes highly recommended. Dr. L. D. Andler will remain at the office until spring.

Dr. J. A. Crowley has spent the past few days in Boston.

A. J. Bucklin, who has been quite ill the past couple of weeks is slowly on the gain.

Rev. Fr. Ausin of Great Barrington was the guest of Rev. D. C. Moran Thursday.

Liveryman J. R. Wietbauser is ill at his home on Summer street.

John A. Youman and Frank Holland of the Greylock shirt shop will spend the holidays in Boston.

Daniel R. Smith is the loser of a valuable bull pup. It is thought that the animal was stolen from Mr. Smith's barn in the rear of his residence on Center street.

Benjamin O'Hearn of Pittsfield was the guest of friends in this town Thursday. The next session of night school will open January 10 instead of January 24 as previously stated.

A Tour for the Christmas Holidays. Personally conducted nine-day tour, visiting Washington, D. C., Mount Vernon, Philadelphia and New York, will leave Boston, Tuesday, Dec. 28th. Five days are spent at the National Capital at the best hotels, and \$27 covers every expense. Other tours in January, February, March, April and May. For itinerary, call on or address A. J. Simmons, N. A., 211 Washington street, Boston.

GOSSIP OF THE DAY.

WHAT THE GREATER NEW YORK IS TALKING ABOUT.

Richard Mansfield and His Contradictory Moods.—He began at the very lowest rung of the ladder.—Mr. and Mrs. Herman Oelrichs.—Mr. Whitney's Daughter.

New York, Dec. 17.—[Special.]—Richard Mansfield's legal trouble with a "dossier," which he settled in Philadelphia the other day by paying the amount claimed, has caused an end of story telling among professional folk and others here who know the actor well about his varying, sometimes violent moods.

Mr. Mansfield can be one of the most agreeable men living either on or off the stage. He proved this statement to be true just about a month ago when he was the "one man guest" of the Twelfth Night club of this city, an organization of actresses and other professional women of some note. One fair creature who was present said that, although the actor jollied his hostesses at a great rate, he did it so gracefully and with such evident good nature that all present were delighted.

But by the law of contraries Richard Mansfield undoubtedly possesses almost unlimited potentialities of evil temper, which have resulted more than once in such physical assaults as that made upon the "dossier" who has just received financial compensation for his sufferings. Mr. Mansfield's friends say that his irascibility should not be charged up against him, since it is due altogether to nervousness resulting from his severe struggles.

Mr. Mansfield went on the stage because he was poor, as he himself has often said, but his first venture was not theatrical. He began in a provincial city as a picture painter. For awhile he sold every production of his brush, but for some reason his market suddenly contracted and soon he had a number of canvases on hand for which there were no purchasers. Then he went to London. There he failed again as an artist and secured some sort of place in a business house. He couldn't make that go and returned to his easel with no greater success than before. He got so poor that he actually took to singing songs in the streets for casual pennies and rarely was able to get a square meal save when invited to feed at the famous Savage club, of which he was one of the original members.

"Sometimes," he has said, "I dined on smalls."

At last he went to see W. S. Gilbert, the composer, and sang for him. That was just before "Pinafore" was brought out. Gilbert used his influence with D'Oyly Carte, then manager for the famous partnership of Gilbert and Sullivan, and Mansfield toured the British provinces in "Pinafore" for three years, singing the part of Sir Joseph Porter, K. C. B., with acceptance and receiving the magnificent compensation of \$15 a week. Then he appeared in London, and has never been hard up since. But his early experiences seem to have permanently soured his temper.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Oelrichs.

It seems to be the fate of certain individuals to be constantly before the public whether they will or no. Both Mr. and Mrs. Herman Oelrichs, for instance, have been almost constantly subjects of newspaper comment for many years, though never before for so slight a cause as the careless dropping of a tack by a workman. Should Mrs. Oelrichs become wholly or partially blind as a result of the mishap which is now causing so much apprehension those who see the hand of fate in every act of daily life will claim new grounds for their superstitions.

There was a time, some years ago, before his marriage, that Herman Oelrichs was one of the liveliest men about town on this island. He was a regular first nighter at all the operas, he was interested in all sporting events and many of his friends were among the fastest of the local gilded youth. As he had money to burn he was able to out a decidedly broad swath whenever and wherever he wished to, though doubtless some of the stories told of his doings were more or less exaggerated.

But he is now one of the steadiest of citizens. He works as hard, as agent of a big steamship line, as he could were he an employee and not the manager of the office, and his hours are often much longer than those of any among his subordinates. To please his wife he still gives some time and energy to social life, but his old enthusiasm in that direction has waned much and he is fairly making him grow to think of going to the theatre.

In two respects, however, he is the old time Herman Oelrichs. He likes to swim, and every summer he proves that he has lost none of his ancient prowess in the waves. He still hates to read or hear stories about man eating sharks, which he declares do not exist, and is always ready to go far out of his way to nail such narratives as cold blooded falsehoods—in short, as typical fish stories. In politics he has always been a Democrat and he used to be a member of that party's national committee, but some years ago he retired because he did not like Tammany.

Mrs. Oelrichs is quite as popular in New York as she ever was in San Francisco, where, as the daughter of the fabulously wealthy Senator Fair, she was noted for her beauty, her brilliance and her social prestige. Being so well known to the public through the newspapers, she will have the sympathy of thousands who have never met her personally should her recent accident finally prove disastrous.

Mr. Whitney's Daughter.

Mrs. Alvaughugh Paget, daughter of ex-Secretary Whitney and a prime favorite among the younger matrons of New York society this winter, is as clever as she is attractive. Before she was married it was said that she had a bigger allowance of spending money than any other young woman in New York and she was always the apple of her father's eye, especially after the death of her mother. Though her husband is a blue blooded Englishman she is so true a daughter of Uncle Sam that they live in America the major part of every year.

In spite of her liking for society—for she is as fond of it as it is of her—she is a great lover of books and pictures. Her knowledge of the old world's art galleries is said to be well nigh exhaustive, and she is familiar with the masterpieces of modern literature in most European languages. She writes pretty good French verse, too, and some products of her pen found their way into print in Paris, where the papers commented most favorably upon her lines. In one paragraph her father was not only given his proper title as "Minister de la Marine de Etats Unis" but was also termed a "duc."

Mrs. Paget is specially noted for two things—first, that her collection of diamonds and other precious stones is exceptionally large and valuable, and second, that she makes small display thereof.

DEXTER MARSHALL.

The Pall Mall Gazette says that King Oscar of Sweden and Norway is probably the most cultured prince now sitting on any throne. Besides being a great linguist, speaking no less than seven languages perfectly, he is a poet and writer of great ability, and his poems and not only were read throughout Sweden, but have been translated in several foreign tongues. A first rate musician, with a beautiful voice, an eloquent orator and an enthusiastic sportsman, the Swedish king is all of these. But in spite of his many interests and accomplishments he has kept his duties and responsibilities ever before him and has been true to his motto, "Brodrärfallen val" (the brother people's good).

WHAT SHALL I GIVE?

There are a score of persons to prove that the best Christmas gift that you can give to your friend is a piece of furniture. The cost need not be excessive. You will be surprised to see what attractive Christmas gifts we have at \$5, \$6, \$7, \$8 and \$10.

In giving a piece of furniture for a Christmas gift bear in mind that it is sure to be acceptable; you run no possible risk of its falling to pieces. It is not merely ornamental, but it is useful as well. It is practical. It will not rot or be a duplicate. He is not likely to buy it for himself. It will last a lifetime and be a constant reminder of your thoughtfulness and liberality.

You cannot make a purchase that will make so large a showing for an equal expenditure or one that will give your friend so much comfort, convenience and satisfaction as a piece of furniture.

Remember that we make special prices for Christmas which are the lowest of the whole year. It is the one time to buy furniture. We are displaying now the largest stock of novelties that we have shown in a long while.

GREEN & WATERMAN,

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Good Tailoring at the Lowest Prices

Is what we want to impress upon your mind. To give us a call and leave your order for a nice suit, overcoat or trousers will save you money. A large stock of woolsens for fall and winter to select from. A perfect fit. Trimmings and workmanship the best.

SUITS—15, 16, 18, 20, and \$25.
TROUSERS—3.50, 4, 5, 6, 7, and \$8.

American Tailor, 31 Eagle St.

Lowest Prices... in the city.

Great reduction in PORK for one solid week.

Pork Loins	6c.	Fresh Shoulders	5c.
Pork Chops	8c.	Sausage, 3lbs	25c.
Lard, 3 lbs	25c.		

Beef and Poultry at lowest cash prices. CASH ONLY.

W M Brown.

TILTON'S

"The Gift Store."

Books, Fancy Goods, China, Bric-a-Brac, Toys.

"WHAT SHALL THE PRESENT BE?"

Don't ponder long; pay a visit to this store. See all the pretty and useful things that surround you everywhere—and you can't go wrong. There's something for everyone, if it's only a Christmas Card.

Bibles, Testaments, Prayer Books and Hymnals in great variety, 30c to \$7.50. Pocket Books, Card Cases, Bill Books for lady or gentleman. One Special Bargain—Genuine Seal Lady's Pocket Book and Card Case, finest calf lined, new shape 98c. Fine Leather Goods—stock complete. Traveling Sets, Writing Tablets, &c.

Fine China and Bric-a-Brac, Vases, Bisque Figures, Cups and Saucers, Bronze Ornaments. A lot of Cut Glass samples, 10c to 98c each actually worth double. Fancy Goods, Celluloid Boxes, Cases and Sets in great variety, from 50c to \$7.50. Pictures, Medallions, Frames. Our assortment is yet quite complete.

CITY OF NORTH ADAMS.

Advertisement for Proposals for Printing the Annual Report.

December 15, 1897.

We hereby invite proposals for the printing and the furnishing of all materials therefor of the Annual Reports of the Officers of the City of North Adams for the year ending December 1, 1897, bound and complete according to the specifications to be had upon application to Valmore A. Whitaker, chairman of the committee on printing. Such proposals must be in writing and delivered to the committee in sealed envelopes accompanied with a suitable bond or certificate of deposit for the faithful performance of such proposals. Such proposals will be opened at the mayor's office, City Hall, at 4 o'clock p. m. on Monday, December 20, 1897.

The committee reserves the right to reject any or all proposals in accordance with section 61 of the city charter. Said section is hereby referred to and made a part of this advertisement.

V. A. WHITAKER,
H. W. CLARK,
ALEX. CRASWELL,
Committee on Printing.

The Berkshire National Bank of North Adams.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Berkshire National Bank will be held at their banking house in North Adams on

Tuesday, the 11th Day of January next, at 10 o'clock, a. m., for the following purposes, to-wit:

First, to choose directors for the ensuing year.
Second, to transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.
W. W. BUTLER, Cashier.
North Adams, Mass., Dec. 6, 1896.

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Wringers Carpet Sweepers Furniture

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Chas. Winters.

PILES. Dr. Williams' Indian Pile Ointment will cure 300d. Bleeding and itching. Piles. It absorbs the tumors, allays the itching at once, acts as a poultice, gives instant relief. Dr. Williams' Indian Pile Ointment is prepared for Piles and itching of the private parts. Every box is warranted. By druggists, by mail on receipt of price, 50 cents and \$1.00. WILLIAMS' MANUFACTURING CO., Lowell, Mass. Sole and Franchises Drug Store, 100 Main Street.

Too much stock, too little cold weather!

The result—Some very striking bargains in good, serviceable, finely-tailored

Winter Suits and Overcoats

that must command the attention of everyone who looks for good quality for little money. Here is part of the story. All-wool suits \$4.50. All-wool cashmere suits, splendid values at 4.50, 5, and \$6. Strictly wool Kersey overcoats, blues and black, \$6. Everything in furnishings at the same low prices.

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Notice!

I have decided to discontinue the Ready-made Department of my business and to conduct a first-class Gentlemen's Furnishings and Tailoring Business.

On Friday, Dec. 10, we began to close out this department and will offer all ready-made garments, without reserve, at prices that will move this stock at the earliest possible moment.

No trading stamps will be given on Ready-made Clothing during this Closing Out Sale.

Chas. E. Legate,

Park Street, Adams.

CHRISTMAS AT FOUNTAIN'S!

The store is filled with gift goods. Nowhere else in the city will you find such an assortment.

Dolls, Toys, Pocketbooks, Christmas cards, Calendars, Games, Willow Baskets.

Work Boxes, Toy Banks, Lap Tablets, Masks, Ink Stands, Box Papers, Stationery.

Photo Albums, Match Safes, Paper Knives, Juvenile Books, Society Stationery.

KODAKS

Put a Kodak on your Christmas list. We have them \$5 to \$25. The latest is the Falcon. A few more Hawkeyes \$6.37. A full line of Kodaks.

F. G. FOUNTAIN,

BANK STREET,

NORTH ADAMS.

Christmas Novelties!

Buy your Christmas Gifts of Jewelry and Bric-a-Brac where you can get a Cash Reduction.

WITH EVERY EVEN DOLLAR'S WORTH OF GOOD BOUGHT AT THIS STORE WE WILL HAND YOU TEN CENTS IN CASH. There is no deception about it. We do not have to raise prices in order to divide profits with a gift enterprise. Prices remain unchanged and are invariably marked in plain figures. Just glance over this list of Holiday Articles at prices from 25c to \$5—

Silver-backed Brushes and Combs, Silver-mounted Tooth Brushes and Brush Brooms, Nail Files, Glove and Button Hooks, Manicure Sets, Desk Sets, Bookmarks, Paper Cutters, Hat Pins, Stick Pins, Clocks of every kind, Cold Cream Jars, "Tunnel" Souvenir Spoons—And a hundred other novelties to make eyes glisten on Christmas morning. All Sterling Silver warranted 925-1000ths fine. The famous Rogers' table silver—knives, fork, spoons, napkin rings, etc. And remember—Over 2000 Finger Rings in Stock! All Sizes. All Prices.

L. M. Barnes,

The Jeweler and Optician. Wilson House Block.

A Grocer's Card.

I am still alive, after being SHUT IN for so long a time, and have on hand a large stock of the best goods in the market.

Also a "Job Lot" of 50 barrels of Flour that I shall give to the first 50 customers for \$5.75 per barrel. Remember, it is no price for a No. 1 Flour, but it has got to be got into cash. ALL OLD WHEAT. Order at once, for it will soon be gone.

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Corner Main and Marshall.

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BY THE
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FROM
THE TRANSCRIPT BUILDING, BANK STREET,
NORTH ADAMS, MASS.

I know not what record or sin awaits me in the other world; but this I do know, that I never so much as to despise a man because he was poor, because he was ignorant, or because he was black.
—John A. Andrew.

MEMBERS ASSOCIATED PRESS.

The latest telegraphic dispatches from all parts of the world are received exclusively by THE TRANSCRIPT up to the hour of going to press.

"WE HOLD THE WESTERN GATEWAY."

From the Seal of the city of North Adams.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON, DEC. 17, '97.

Advertisers in THE TRANSCRIPT are the best business men in this community. Their advertisements are worth reading, and they are the firms with whom to trade most advantageously.

HE CAN BE TRUSTED.

Citizens of North Adams:—I am a candidate for mayor. If elected I shall give to the affairs of the city my own best efforts.

H. T. CADY.

VOTERS WILL PREFER MR. CADY.

We understand that E. R. Tinker has been to some of the merchants on the street and has been trying to crack the party whip, and telling men "to vote straight" for mayor. The older members of this community will remember Mr. Tinker and will recall his methods.

In the old days when Mr. Tinker was "boss" the plan was to carry the caucus no matter how and then rely on the party slogan to whip the dissatisfied into line. The people of North Adams have outgrown Mr. Tinker and his methods and cannot be made to believe that municipal politics has anything to do with state or national affairs.

President McKinley is in at the helm and a Republican congressman has been elected from this district. The people of this city have no questions of state or national politics to discuss. The question now is who can best administer our civic affairs for the next year and this is a purely local question. Every taxpayer, every citizen is interested in selecting the man who is best qualified by training, experience and ability to administer the affairs of the city wisely and economically.

This is a private and personal matter which the people of this city will settle for themselves without considering state or national questions. Who is the best man for the place? What are his qualifications for the office of our chief executive? What experience and business training has he had?

On the one side is a candidate who has been a laborer and an employer of labor. A man who has had experience as member of the prudential committee of the first district, trustee of a savings bank and director of a national bank. A man who has had experience in the house of representatives and as senator of this state and who has had some familiarity with laws though not a lawyer. A man who cannot and who will not accuse other reputable men of lying. A man who does not found his campaign on misstatement and misrepresentation.

On the other hand is a candidate who accuses nearly every public official of misconduct or incapacity. A man who has made misstatement after misstatement and dare not reply when he has been convicted of so doing. A man who knows no law and tries to make the people believe that he knows more about legal matters than all the lawyers at the bar. A man who has had no financial and little business experience.

The people will decide into whose hands they will entrust the government of their city for the next year. Both candidates are of one party and no question of state or national policy is involved. It is a personal question for every voter to decide carefully and thoughtfully for himself. The people will decide this question for themselves, and they will not be whipped into line by John Parker or E. R. Tinker.

LOOK AT THE "STRAIGHT" REPUBLICANS AND THEIR PREFERENCES.

The cry of "vote the straight Republican ticket and for Harry Hamor" is heard louder and louder as the Hamor supporters grow more desperate and election approaches nearer. It is urged with threats and intimidation. It is cried in the same breath that a threat is made against Congressman Lawrence. Friends of Mr. Cady are told how to vote and how not to vote by the hungry Republicans who have been promised office under Mr. Hamor.

And who are the "straight" Republicans? Foremost among them and loudest is John Parker, the man who had a Democrat's credentials in the Republican city convention, who falsely declared that the man whose credentials he had was a Republican, and the man who tried to stab successfully the I. O. A. B. Wright and George P. Lawrence. This is the kind of a "Republican" who is "straight."

A convention that was proven to have been chosen by packed caucuses and

which contained at least one sworn Democrat as a delegate claims the support of "straight" Republicans.

A convention that put one of the loudest Bryanish Democrats in the city on its ticket claims to be "straight" Republican.

A convention that nominated for mayor a man who had declared that he would run as a candidate whether he got the Republican nomination or not, claims Republican loyalty for that candidate.

With proven fraud in the pseudo-Republican convention, with Democrats among its delegates, with Democrats put on its ticket, that convention claims to have been "straight Republican." Have the Republicans of this city got to stand and meekly have fraud jammed down their throats by such men as John Parker and Ira Hoxie and Arthur Tinker? Can these men tell the voters of this town how they must vote or "suffer" another year?

THE MEETING TONIGHT.

Tonight at Odd Fellows' hall Mayor Houghton will meet the citizens of North Adams and discuss plainly and in a business-like way the affairs of this city and its government during the past two years. What the mayor has to present is awaited with great interest by the voters of this city. Astrom of abuse and misrepresentation has been poured out against Mr. Houghton, both as mayor and citizen and against the honest and honorable men who have constituted the first city government of North Adams. Tonight a word will be spoken that will set this administration right with the public.

Mr. Houghton is too broad a man as a private citizen, much less as mayor, to take the rostrum to make a partisan or fictional speech as every one is well assured who knows the man. But the citizens of North Adams will be pleased to hear their foremost citizen and chief officer speak of the affairs of the city in a sober, temperate, fair way, without any of the office seeker's campaign accusations and unfounded charges, but with figures at hand, and as a man who seeks the truth of matters and the good of the city.

A. C. Houghton will do much tonight to clear the atmosphere of this campaign. Fact and not fancy will characterize his remarks. He is doing the city a real service by consenting to speak at this time to the voters of this city who are seeking the truth.

Let the Hamor men prove one first bit of dishonesty in the city government. Can they do it?

Mr. Cady may be trusted without pledges. He has no long string of misstatements to defend.

"He is the whitest man I ever worked for" was the verdict of a man who had been in Mr. Cady's employ seven years.

Abuse and falsehood is now the program of the Hamor crowd. They don't and can't answer what has been proven against Mr. Hamor. They don't try argument any longer.

H. T. Cady, in the flush of political victory, said to a great crowd of his fellow citizens that what made the proudest moment of his life was the fact that he was well thought of by his employees. Such a man has true regard for labor and its true dignity.

After the months of misrepresentation and streams of abuse the administration will be heard at Odd Fellows' hall tonight, "Fair play and half the road," gentlemen. Give Mayor Houghton a candid and fair hearing. He will talk business and not abuse.

From the time that he refused to let the bigger boys on Drury play ground browbeat him or bulldoze him to this day, H. T. Cady has always had courage enough to do what he believed was right and what he thought was right. He will continue that life policy when he is mayor.

Gov. Wolcott has the right idea. Municipal elections are municipal affairs, not state or national, as some folks think.—Boston Herald.

Is Governor Wolcott's Republican standing as good as the Parkers and Hoxies and Tinkers in this city?

The boy who had the courage to run away from home in the dark days of the civil war and enlist in Morrison's Black Horse cavalry in order to serve his country will have the courage as a man to be a fearless mayor of this city. That boy was H. T. Cady and that man is H. T. Cady.

Some years ago a strong Republican candidate was needed to run for the senate from this district. It was to be no easy canvass. It took courage to accept the nomination. H. T. Cady responded to the call of his party and was triumphantly elected. In this city campaign again H. T. Cady has responded to the call of his fellow citizens to stand up and oppose falsehood and misstatement and folly. Again will the courage of this leader be endorsed by his fellow citizens.

H. T. Cady pretty well described one of the "straight" Republicans who is going about the streets daily threatening and talking the "straight" Republican ticket when he said to the French voters: I don't want to be personal but I do want to say that a man whose chief business is looking on our streets and who has never earned an honest penny in his life except as government pay, and who is now working for Hamor with promise of office, is not the man who should tell me or my friends how they must vote.

Some time ago a man named Casey was injured on Main street while the work of repaving was being carried on. This man brought suit against the city to recover damages for his injury. The commission of public works refused to allow the money due for paying to be paid until the suit was disposed of or settled. Mr. VanCampen, the contractor, Thursday settled the suit by paying Mr. Casey \$50 and doctors' bills, and secured a release from Mr. Casey discharging the city from all liabilities. In all the work done in this city covering over a \$500,000, not one penny has been lost through any contractor. In the city of Pittsfield the new school house has cost the city over \$100,000, has been rebuilt on account of defective work and is not completed yet.

—Work on the Phoenix bridge, which was moved to the cross road by the Hodge farm, is finished and the bridge is open for travel.

COMMUNICATION.

Will Be Able to See Where He Doves.
EDITOR TRANSCRIPT—A communication in THE TRANSCRIPT Wednesday evening showing that affidavits are not lobsters reminds me of another story which may also serve to illuminate some features of the Hamor movement. A seafaring man failed into port one day and astonished the people by his description of a sea serpent he had seen a short distance from the shore. He described it as about 150 feet long and bigger around than two hog-heads. Its mouth was enormous. Its forked tongue shot out in one direction, while its eyes were turned in another and altogether it was a most terrible monster. A few in the crowd had the audacity to doubt the man's veracity, but he quickly silenced them by offering to take them out and show them where the serpent dove. This he considered all the proof that reasonable men could demand and he strutted up and down the wharf imagining himself the hero of the hour, which of course he was if such could be constituted by extravagant statement. And I imagine that about all we shall be able to find next Tuesday night of the Hamor movement, which is represented as so formidable, will be the "place where it dove."

EYE TO THE SKIMMER HOLE.

A COMING ENTERTAINMENT.

The Companions of the Forest Preparing for New Year's Eve.

Tunnel City circle, Companions of the Forest, will hold a social and dance in Columbia opera house New Year's eve. The Schubert Orchestra club is engaged for the occasion and previous to the dancing a concert will be given by the club and the Barb Wire Minstrels. The Schubert Orchestra club will render the following:

The Serenade—From the opera, V. Herbert.
Zylophone Solo, Arranged by Gordon.
The Limited Express—Descriptive, L. Davis.
Brch Wire Minstrels.
Overture—Minstrels' Delight, Entire Company.

Song—I Want Those Presents Back, Tom Williams.
Song—Mama's Little Pumpkin Colored Coon, Maurice Phillips.

Song—Don't Fool, dat Black Gal is Mine, A. Terry.
Song—Louisiana Lou, W. Howells.

Song—I'll Make dat Black Gal Mine, J. Di Mumford.
Song—My First and Only Love, J. Phillips.

Song—Mississippi Boat Song, J. Jones.
Selections by the Bard Wire quartette—W. Howells, Tom Williams, Dick Davis, John Phillips.

Song—Lean Upon my Arm, Dear Mother, W. Mumford.
Song—Come and Kiss Me, Baby, J. Chapman.

Selections by Dr. Boom of Adams. Remarks on the good of the order, John B. Donovan.

Song—Sing Again That Sweet Refrain, R. Davis.
Song—I Don't Care If You Never Come, Di Mumford.

Song—There'll Never Be One Like You, Morris Phillips.
Song—All Coons Look Alike to Me, A. Terry.

The minstrel company is made up as follows: First tenors, Dick Davis, Will Howells, Will Mumford, Richard Howells; second tenors, Arthur Terry, Will Phillips, John Chapman, Frank Jones; first bass, Clem Jones, Tom Thomas, D. Mumford, Jack Edwards; second bass Maurice Phillips, John Phillips, James Jones, Tom Williams; interloctor Maurice Phillips; director, Harry Garstang.

Saturday Evening's Program.

The following program will be rendered at the Y. M. C. A. parlors Saturday evening. Lunch will be served and the men of the city are invited to attend.
Piano Duet—In Truvarov, The Misses Shorrock.
Song—Everybody at the Station, Marguerite Whitaker.
Reading—Under the Wheels, Miss Daisy Rabbitt of Adams.

Solo—Tramp, Tramp, Tramp, The Boys Arc Marching, Frank Gordon.
Song—Selected, Miss Brown.

Violo Solo—Conjunctia, Dohn.
Miss Alberta McCloud.
Reading—Mary Ann's Escape, Miss Daisy Rabbitt.

Solo—Selected, Frank Gordon.
Song—Dutch Lullaby, Marguerite Whitaker.

Cyclone Duet—Helene and Marguerite Whitaker.

Chief Kendall's Report.

Chief of Police Kendall has made his report for the year and shows the following number of arrests to have been made during the respective months:

	Males.	Females.	Total.
December,	111	4	115
January,	79	5	84
February,	60	5	65
March,	102	0	102
April,	93	4	97
May,	115	2	117
June,	100	5	105
July,	143	2	145
August,	142	3	145
September,	167	1	171
October,	106	6	112
November,	115	7	122
	1351	53	1404

Tonight's Performance.

One of the finest attractions of the season will be seen at Columbia opera house this evening when "Blue Jeans" with its tons of scenery will be seen. "Blue Jeans" has had a run of 348 nights in New York city, 125 in Chicago and 87 in Boston.

Mrs. Denis Cronin.

Elizabeth, wife of Dennis Cronin, died Thursday afternoon at her home, 51 Pleasant street, after an illness of one month's duration. She was born in Ireland and after coming to this country she lived for a time in Olneyville, R. I., from which place she came to North Adams nearly 40 years ago. Here she was married to Mr. Cronin and their home has been in this city most of the time since. Mrs. Cronin was a kind and neighborly woman and had many friends who will regret to learn of her death. She leaves besides her husband, one son, John Cronin of this city. The funeral will be attended from S. Francis' church Saturday morning at 9 o'clock and the interment will be in Hillside cemetery.

Matinee Every Day.

The Miles Ideal Stock company, which opens a week's engagement at Columbia opera house, Monday, will give a 10-cent matinee every day but Monday. Monday will be ladies night and ladies can secure reserved seats at Bartlett's drug store for 15 cents. "Michael Strogoff" will be the bill. The company is one of the best ever seen here in repertoire. Jack Tucker well remembered here with the Ethel Tucker company is a member of the Miles company.

The North Adams News.

Will contain tomorrow:
Full report of the public meeting this evening.
Cartoons on local political situation.
Portraits of Drury's football team.
Reasons why Mr. Hamor should be elected mayor.
Pittsfield letter with cartoon.
News of the towns and much in the city that has not appeared in the dailies.
Remember the News is issued before breakfast.

—The teachers of Drury academy presented Janitor O. Lasher with a silk umbrella today, as a token of their appreciation of his work.

After serious illness, like typhoid fever, pneumonia, or the grip, Hood's Sarsaparilla has wonderful strength-giving power.



10 per cent will be deducted from every purchase of an overcoat, ulster, or reefer for men and boys. Beginning Wednesday, December 15th, until Christmas \$2.50 given you off on \$25 overcoats, \$2 on a \$20 coat, \$1.50 on a \$15 coat, \$1.20 on a \$12 coat, \$1 on a \$10 coat, 80c on a \$3 coat, 50c on a \$5 coat. All elegant coats of the best makes. Dress yourself up and make your boy happy. Call and see our elegant display of Holiday Articles.

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Fancy Watches—In beautiful variety. Silver watches from \$2.97 to \$9.00. Gold watches from \$6.97 to \$30.00. Enamel watches \$11.47.

Christmas Cards—Christmas booklets, Calendars, etc., in the newest and most exclusive styles, at lowest prices, at Frear's.

Stick Pins—From 75c upward at Frear's. Beautiful styles at dry goods prices.

Gold Collar Buttons—From \$1.00 to \$3.65 each.

Baby's Gold Bib Pins—In handsome variety at \$1.00, \$1.25 and \$1.47 per pair.

Gold Brooches—In handsome variety from \$3.97 upward.

Lace Curtains—In Nottingham, Irish Point, Rambour, etc., etc. Prices begin at 75c and go all the way up the price scale. If you wish to see an elegant display to see our \$25.00 curtains.

Antique Bed Sets—And Nottingham bed sets in excellent variety at Frear's Upholstery Department.

Silk Cords—For Christmas tree work at from 8c to 10c per yard at Frear's Upholstery Department.

Christmas Clocks—Dainty porcelain clocks \$1.00. Handsome porcelain clocks \$1.50. Beautiful porcelain clocks at \$1.75. Right-day clocks, handsomely decorated porcelain cases, striking the half hour on cathedral organ, at \$3.00, \$3.50, \$6.00, \$8.50, \$3.00 and \$3.50, worth double the prices marked. Eight-day enameled iron case clocks, 1-2 hour strike on cathedral organ, at \$6.50, \$7.00, \$8.00 and \$5.50 each. We are showing some very pretty gift clocks at \$1.00, \$3.50, \$1.00 and \$5 each. Alarm clocks, nickel or enamel cases, 75c each at Frear's.

Writing Sets—Consisting of blotter, paper cutter and stamp box, only 30c. Fancy box stationery 25c, 25c, 50c and upward at Frear's Stationery Department.

Pen Holders—Pearl handle pen holders, with pen, 25c. Porcelain pen holders, with pen, 25c, at Frear's Stationery Department.

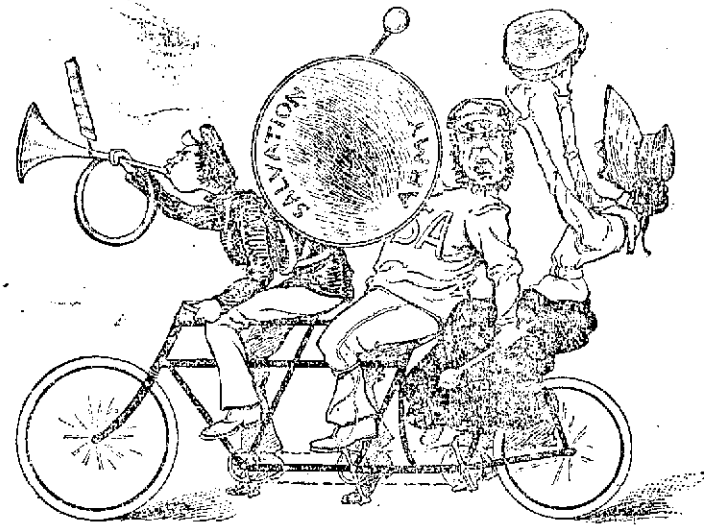
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WHERE THE LAUGH COMES IN

AND DRIVES DULL CARE AWAY



"SOLDIERS THREE."

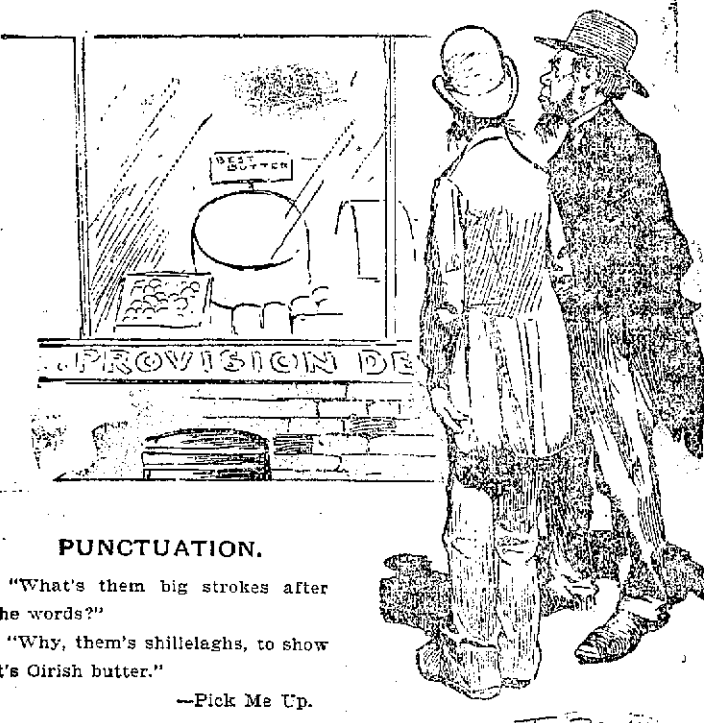


—Comic Cuts.

THE TRIP POSTPONED.
"Silly, we can't take your umbrella to Europe with us," said old Mrs. Higgins. "The advertisement says that no cotton will be carried on the passenger steamers."
"Then we'll stay home," said Silas. "I ain't a-goin across anything so wet as the Atlantic ocean without my umbrella."—Harper's Bazar.

CORRECTLY ANSWERED.
"To be—And now, Tommy, you may tell me what the difference is between the north and the south."
"Tommy—All the difference in the world, ma'am.—San Francisco Examiner.

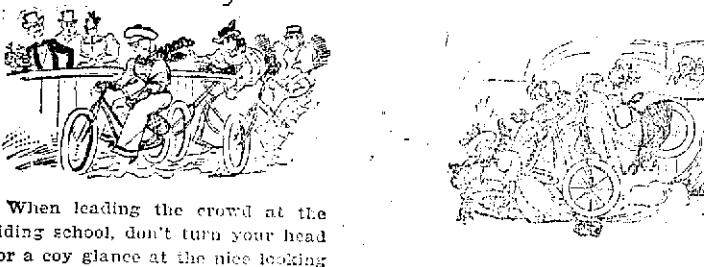
BUTTER! BUTTER!! BUTTER!!!



PUNCTUATION.
"What's them big strokes after the words?"
"Why, them's shillelaghs, to show it's Oirish butter."
—Pick Me Up.

"UNEASY LIES THE HEAD."
The grand vizier was pale but calm, with the calmness of the fatalist.
"Your majesty," he answered, "I have to announce that the person your majesty designated to put on winter underwear to see if it were time has"—
"Yes, yes," exclaimed the monarch, excitedly.
"—has committed suicide, and a new ministry will have to be formed."
At the moment, moreover, the mail carrier came in with his hat on and handed the sultan a postal card containing an ultimatum.—Detroit News.

UP IN THE AIR.
The Balloon—Why did you let him down so easy?
The Parachute—Oh, he had the drop on me.—New York Press.



When leading the crowd at the riding school, don't turn your head for a coy glance at the nice looking young man behind the barrier.

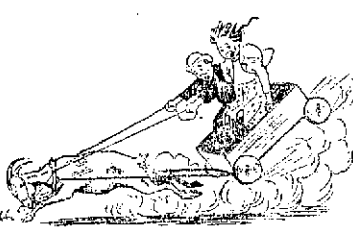
THE INEVITABLE.

He had dallied with the cyclone in the wild and woolly west; He had ridden bucking broncos—or at least had tried his best; He had tackled mountain grizzlies; he had learned to mount the hike; He could tell you what collisions with a cable car were like; He had been in football rushes and in bargain counter jams And experienced nearly everything in smashes, knocks and slams Till his hide and bones were toughened, and he laughed in very glee. "There ain't nothin yet invented that kin do away with me!" He forgot that pride is sinful, and a fall it goes before— He was crushed and wrecked and mangled by a big storm door. —New York Journal.

NOT WHAT HE ORDERED.

"As I hopes let hug yer ag'in, Marcella, I telled de liveryman ter give me a goat as any one could drive wid one hand! Dis is de work of me hated rival!"—New York Journal.

BOUND TO BE MODEST.
"If a girl wears a bicycle skirt that comes to within two inches of the tops of her shoes there can be no question as to her modesty, can there?" she asked.
"Certainly not," was the unexpecting reply.
"Because," she went on, "I am very anxious to keep well within the bounds of modesty and propriety."
The question being thus settled, she straightway purchased a pair of bicycle button boots that reached to her knee.—Chicago Post.



DEGENERATION.

Of old they were a goodly race— The race of ballade singers; Of minstrels and of troubadours, Of scolds and minnesingers.
What though the nations tempted war— What though the battle thundered— Secure of welcome everywhere, About the earth they wandered.
The poets of these days, they stay In old familiar places; It is a grievous task to gain A new landlord's good graces!
Yet when we have their verses read, Their meaning fully pondered, We know that though they stayed at home, Their minds have surely wandered! —J. R. Taylor in Memphis Commercial Appeal.

A VOCATION.
"Nan has gone into the ministry again."
"What do you mean?"
"She is engaged to another clergyman."—Chicago Record.

A SWING IN DARKEST AFRICA.



—Fliegende Blätter.

JUST LIKE A BACHELOR.
"Oh, Clarence," exclaimed Mrs. McBride as her brother entered the house, "baby's cut a tooth."
"Why do you let her play with knives?" asked the bachelor brother.—Boston Traveler.

ACCUMULATIONS.
"Hathley has a wonderfully well stored mind, hasn't he?"
"He ought to have—he never takes anything out of it."—Detroit News.

HER MA LED HIM A DANCE.
She—Papa didn't refuse to lead to you, then?
He—Not a bit. Said he liked me, gave his consent and asked me to forgive him.—Judge.



China: "It was bad enough to have Japan whip me, but what is to happen to me now?" —New York Press.

A MIGHTY DEED.

The Rev. Mr. Lanks (solemnly)—My young friend, are you not aware that a youth who smokes cigarettes will never accomplish anything in life?
Young Jackey Napes—Aw, can't fool yourself. I set fire to a theater with a cigarette once and burnt up an entire "Uncle Tom's Cabin" troupe.—Harlem Life.

END OF FOOTBALL FOR 1897.

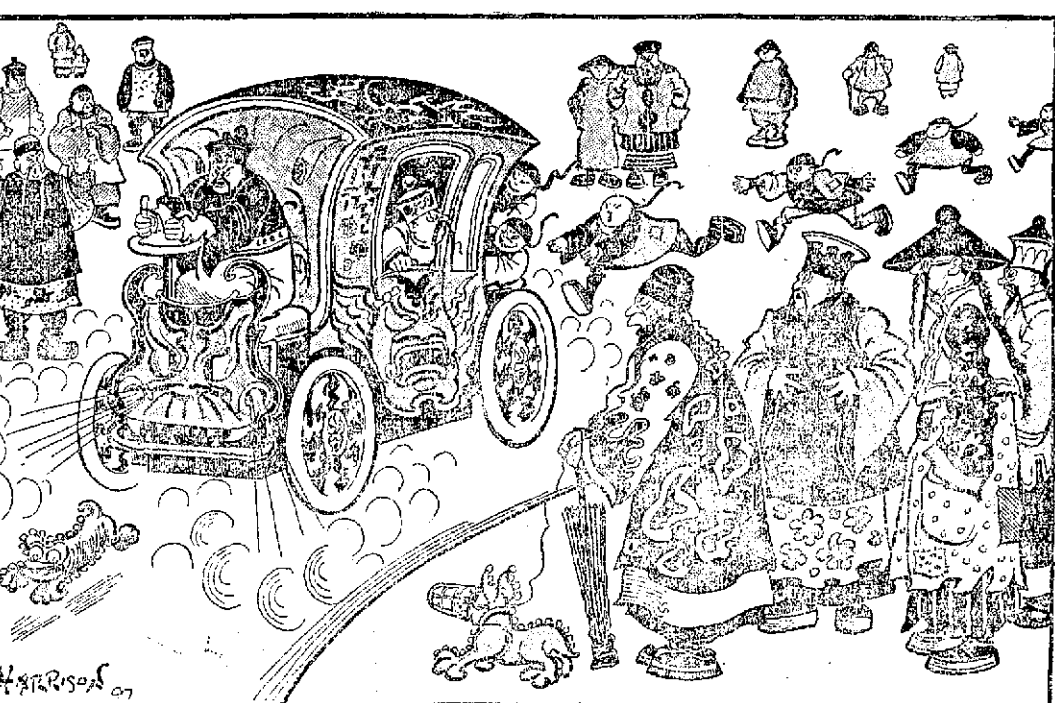


—Boston Herald.

AWFUL, INDEED.

"The bullet from the pirate's gun," said the captain, "tore a tremendous hole in the side of our vessel. We saw that we must take to the boats."
"How awful," said a man in knickerbockers and plaid golf stockings. "Next time I suppose you knew enough to take a repair kit along."—New York Journal.

ALL OVER.
"My wife and I have our little quarrels once in awhile," said the man who lives with others, in the Pasteboard flats, "but they are all over in a few minutes."
"I presume you mean all over the house?" said the other man, who had had some experience in flat life. —Indianapolis Journal.



THE MOTOR CAB STRIKES CHINA.

—Punch.



BLACK AND BLUE.

—New York Journal.

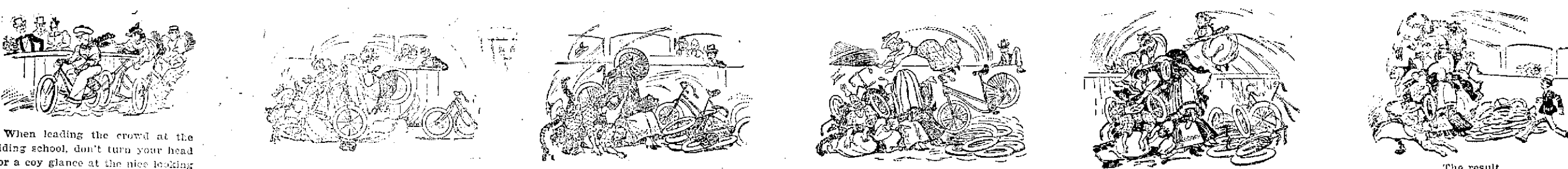
GRATEFUL.
"Doctor," said the substantial citizen as he rushed up to the young physician, "I owe you my life!"
"Well."
"Yes, I was taken suddenly ill two days ago, and my wife sent for you, and you were not in."—Cincinnati Enquirer.

NOR HALFBACKS, NOR FULL-BACKS, EITHER.
"No wonder," said the scientific philosopher, "that people live so long in the old biblical days. They didn't know anything about bacteria."—Indianapolis Journal.

DESPERATE MEASURES.
"How dreadful in Dr. Smith to marry his cook!"
"I don't know; probably she had threatened to leave."—Detroit Free Press.

CHEERFUL STAGE OUTLOOK.
"Any more business in 'Fash-Ton' today?"
"Yes, I'm going to see how many will, I expect, in the play is cured by taking Dr. Smith's patent germ destroyer."—Chicago Record.

ADVICE TO YOUNG LADIES WHO MAY LEARN TO RIDE THE FRACTIOUS STEED AT BICYCLE ACADEMIES.



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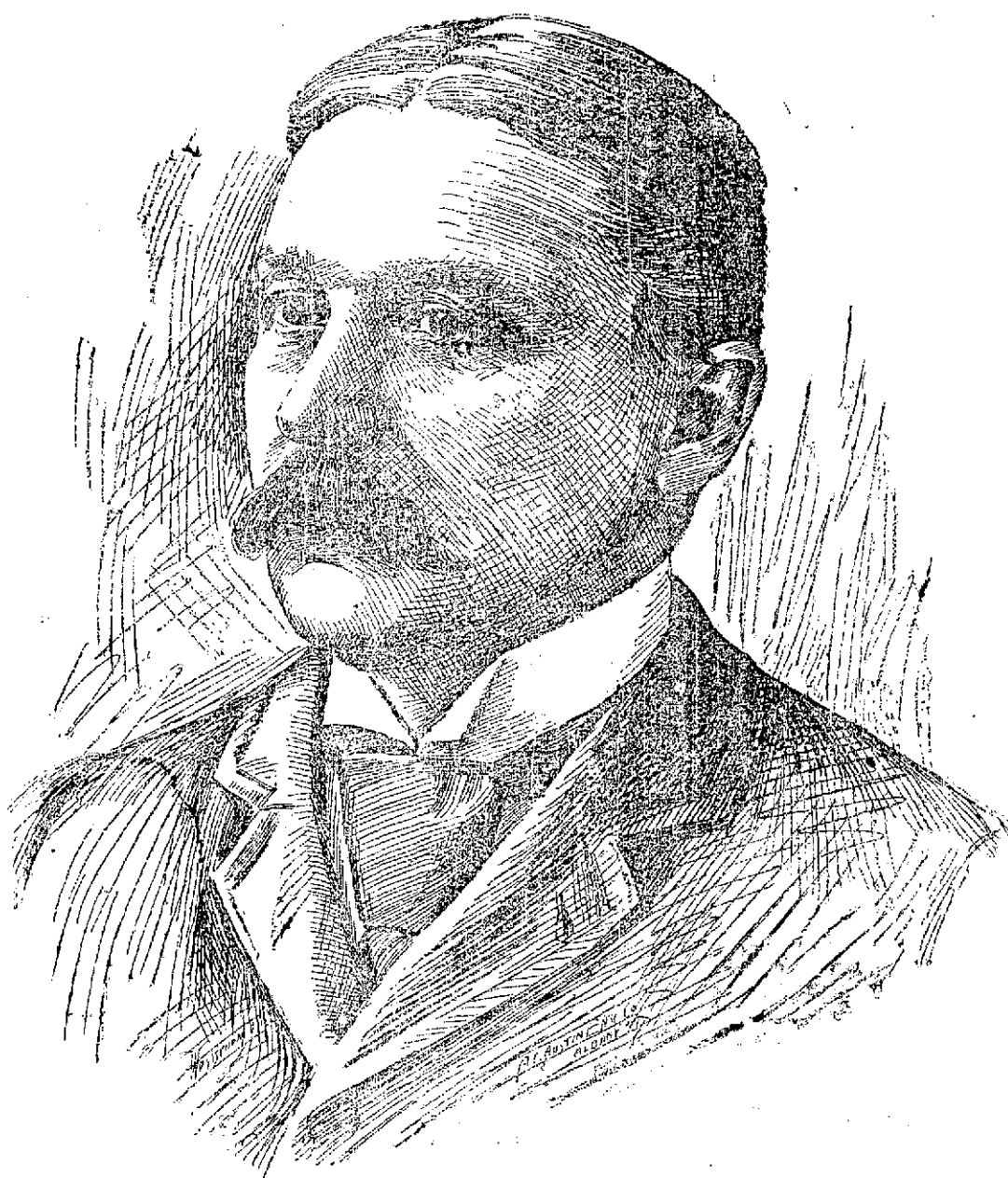
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LOST. A bitch, bound black and white spots on body, tan on head and ears. Forward of 2 for return. 68 Prospect st. and 88 Eagle st. 114-31x

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